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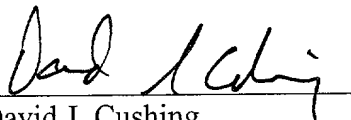
4. (Amended) Amplifier according to claim 1, characterized in that at least one pump radiation wavelength has a polarization which is orthogonal with respect to the polarization of at least one other pump radiation wavelength.

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
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REMARKS

Entry and consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPENDIX

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

The claims are amended as follows:

4. (Amended) Amplifier according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, characterized in that at least one pump radiation wavelength has a polarization which is orthogonal with respect to the polarization of at least one other pump radiation wavelength.